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RUMOR STIRS UP LOCAL JAPANESE

A rumor has been in circulation in the Japanese colony this morning to the effect that the Japanese government, through the War Department, has sent out to China a large force of soldiers to prevent the construction of the proposed railroad between Simintun and Fukumen. The anxiety of the local Japanese to ascertain the truth of the rumor was so great that the telephones were kept busy for some time with inquiries about it.

The officials of the Japanese Consulate were also communicated with, but no satisfactory answer was obtained. They said that they had not received any news relative to the matter.

DEATH OF MRS. GUILD

Mrs. Mary Guild died this morning at Ewa, where she has been living with one of her sons.

Mrs. Guild was born at Selkirk, Scotland, on 2nd February, 1839. She came to the islands to join her sons about seven years ago and has lately resided at Ewa.

Mrs. Guild leaves a family of six sons and four daughters; four sons and one daughter being here in Hawaii.

The funeral services will be held at the residence of John Guild, 1728 College street, tomorrow, Saturday, at 3 p. m.

MERCHANTS REVIEW

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of these standing committees and of other special committees appointed, much good has been done and effectual work been accomplished.

Your committee on Trade and Finance has had, for its special consideration, the following matters: Insurance rates, handling of baggage and freights at this port and at San Francisco, and recommendations to the tax committee. Special reports by the committee on the above matters are now on file and available to any of the members of the Association. Minor matters, regarding general trade affairs, have been cared for by this committee and informally reported to your directors and the Association from time to time.

Your Committee on Publicity and Promotion has been particularly active, during the past year, and has directed, through our representatives, the Hawaii Promotion Committee, all possible effort for the encouragement of tourists, traffic, and for the proper advertising of the Territory's resources and commercial advantages.

Your Committee on Public Affairs has had, for its consideration, matters of general interest to the community at large and has, at all times, particularly endeavored to co-operate with members of the Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu for the betterment of conditions in these islands. This committee, through its individual members, has been particularly active in having matters properly represented through our representative at Washington, Mr. Geo. B. McClellan, and has through him kept in especially close touch with our Congressional Delegate, Honorable Jonah Kalaanaloale. We take particular pleasure in advising you that at all times this Association has received due recognition by the authorities at Washington and that our representative has received every possible courtesy in pre-arranging communications which we have quite frequently addressed to our Congressional friends and to the Federal officers at Washington and in this city.

The Association, through Special Committees appointed, has been active in the endeavor to further the passage of the refunding bill and also the passage of the ship subsidy bill and for the modification of the coastwise shipping law as applied to traffic between this Territory and the mainland. Special resolutions and communications have been forwarded to the proper authorities at Washington and assurance has been received of the hearty support on these matters from several of the United States Congressmen. We, however, regret to say that no definite or formal action has been taken by the home government on these matters.

It has been gratifying to the directors of this Association and no doubt it has been to the members in general, that a satisfactory decision was made by the Federal authorities regarding a Post Office site and that through the efforts of this Association, in conjunction with those of the Chamber of Commerce, the matter was finally and so satisfactorily settled.

Upon a call from Admiral Very, rep-

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representatives of this Association met and discussed efforts to be made for the securing of improvements at Pearl Harbor. Valuable information and encouragement was given us by Admiral Very and your directors have made a strenuous effort to promote this work and secure the necessary appropriations by the Federal Government.

Communications have systematically gone forward, urging appropriations for the Hilo Breakwater and for the improvement of the Honolulu Harbor, and also for appropriations for fortifications and lighthouses on this island. It is gratifying to note that our efforts have been rewarded in a considerable measure, and we feel that these efforts have in a measure done their part in securing the improvements referred to.

Your Special Committee, appointed to confer with the Board of Health and Federal quarantine authorities, was particularly successful in securing a modification of the quarantine regulations as would in the least possible way prove a hardship to the local merchants.

Reports regarding the receipts and disbursements of the Honolulu Shippers' Wharf Committee, in the handling of what is known as the local quarantine tax, have been received by your directors and it has been the sense of your Board of Directors that this tonnage tax is a practical and just manner of collecting a fund for emergencies, such as have arisen during the past number of years. In connection with this matter, your directors recommend that every possible effort be made by this community to secure, if possible, from the next coming Legislature an appropriation for the proper support of the local Board of Health. It is also recommended that, if possible, some person among the local mercantile trade be appointed to fill the next vacancy that may occur on the Board of Health, it being felt that suggestions emanating from such a representative would, on many occasions, prove practical and very beneficial in the deliberation of the local Board and the formation of its regulations.

Your directors particularly urge that every effort should be made to secure better wharf facilities for the handling of incoming freights. As a retiring Board of Directors, we earnestly hope that a spirited interest may be taken in the affairs of this Association during the coming year, and we wish to extend to our successors the encouragement and assurance that, as individuals, your retiring Board will offer and lend every possible help in the work of the incoming officers.

DIED.

GUILD—At Ewa, Oahu, on January 17, 1928, aged 89 years, Mary Guild, widow of James Guild, late of Edinburgh, Scotland.

THE FLYING OF KITES.

The Japanese and Chinese have about the same enthusiasm for kite flying as we have for baseball, and one of the national sports is kite flying. In a kite fight the strings of the kite are covered with a preparation of powdered glass that gives them along their entire length tiny saw-teeth, and the object is for one string to fall sawlike over another so as to cut it. Great skill is displayed in these fights. Young men handle the kites with great dexterity, steering them here and there in a way outside of the orient. A kite, as if alive, suddenly darts down and to the left. It crosses the track of another kite, the two strings come together with a humming noise, and in a minute the under kite, its cord sundered, falls to the ground like a bird that has been shot. A Japanese or a Chinese thinks nothing of sending up a kite so that for hours it shall fly directly above his head. It seems curious to the scientists of other countries that these Orientals who are so skillful at kite construction and flying and who can build things so lightly have never turned to the problems of aerial navigation.

TO CLEAN OUT WALL STREET.

McKeesport, Pa., Dec. 20.—Dr. R. J. Black, the former Mayor of this city, who was Congressman Dalzell's opponent in 1906, was invited recently by Dalzell to visit President Roosevelt and accepted. Together they visited the White House last Wednesday. Black told Roosevelt he was sorry the people of McKeesport would not have an opportunity to vote for him again and Black says the President made this reply in the presence of Dalzell: "I'm sorry, too, Doctor, because I would like to have had a little more time to clean out Wall street syndicates."

Speaker Cannon and J. B. Keating, campaign manager for Vice President Fairbanks, and Thomas K. Neidringhaus held a star-chamber session in the Planters' Hotel, St. Louis. It is believed to mean a combination for concerted action against the candidacy of Secretary Taft.

It is announced in London that the pick of the Kann art collection, purchased by Duveen brothers for \$4,000,000 last August, has gone to America, Mrs. Collis P. Huntington being one of the chief purchasers.

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INTERESTING SERVICE

Another interesting religious service was held last night in the little church of the Korean Mission on Punchbowl street. The room was crowded with the members of the Korean congregation who listened attentively to the address by Bishop Moore. His remarks were interpreted by one of the teachers. Those who took part in the services were the fifty pupils of the Korean school, including boys of from eight years old up to twenty. They were in uniform. They sang several hymns, some in English and some in their mother-tongue.

After the address by Bishop Moore, six men, four women, two boys and one little girl were baptized.

Mrs. Richards related the incident of the first Korean band coming to Hawaii. A reception for Bishop Moore and his daughter, Mrs. A. M. Pitkin, was held after the religious services. Refreshments were served. In his address, Bishop Moore spoke of "Some Characteristics of the Apostolic Paul." He dwelt on how willing Paul was to do all things and brave all things to the death in order to carry out the Divine commands that had been laid upon him.

Rev. J. W. Wadman, superintendent of the mission, gave a lengthy report of the local mission work.

At the King Street Japanese Methodist Church Rev. G. Motokawa held a devotional meeting yesterday. It was a rousing meeting. Mrs. Mack, superintendent of the Susanah Wesley Home and Training School, on South street, presented a report of that institution.

Following these reports, there were a number of introductions, including Dr. Bingham, Mrs. Coan, Mrs. Chapin, Mrs. Bryant, Miss Tanaka, and Mrs. Amy Moore Pitkin of Denver, daughter of Bishop Moore, who accompanied him on the present itinerary.

The program for tomorrow is as follows:

8:30 a. m.—Prayer and praise. Leader, Mrs. Joseph Richards.
9 a. m.—The Bishop's address.
9:30 a. m.—Sectional interpretation.
10 a. m.—Business session.
11:30—Consecration.
2 p. m.—Field Day at the Korean compound. Photograph.
7:30 p. m.—Around the World with Rev. W. D. Westervelt, followed by a musical treat.

EVENING COURSES OF THE NEW COLLEGE

There was a meeting of the Board of Regents of the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts yesterday afternoon. Action was taken upon various matters connected with the opening of the school on February 3. An evening course in horticulture and entomology is being arranged, which will consist of lectures given twice a week, continuing probably through February and March. No tuition fee will be charged.

Governor Prosser was present at the meeting, and told of his work at Washington to get for Hawaii her share of the Federal appropriation for agricultural colleges.

TO DISCUSS TAX CASES

"To the Attorneys in the Tax Cases." "The attorneys in the tax cases are requested to appear before the Supreme Court on Monday next, January 20, at 10 a. m., to arrange for further disposition of the remaining tax cases."

"By the court."

"JAMES A. THOMSON."

"Clerk, Supreme Court."

The foregoing notice has been posted at the door of the Supreme Court room. The tax cases mentioned are the thirty or more depreciation cases which are all of the same nature as the Ewa case, which was decided last Monday. The meeting is to determine the formal proceedings to be had in the remaining cases.

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